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SENATOR KENNEDY: I, after visiting and going in depth I'm sure that they legally can, can, they can do it, and if this is true then the resolution or a consultation would probably do the same thing. Does that answer your question?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Mr. President if they legally can do it now, then I see no purpose for the bill, and if it was to survive I think that we at least ought to strike the part about a weekly program, which does get down to specifics and merely authorize them to have programs to do this, if they need the legal authority, but if they already have it, then I see no purpose for the bill.

PRESIDENT: Well we are debating the motion to indefinitely postpone, next to speak is Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the body, it appears to me that this is another devisive thing in our society is to single out one group of people, and say that as particular special citizens we should do this or do that for them. I'm well aware that the Senior Citizens do not want to be set apart from this community of Nebraska, and that they do not want to be singled out to have just their special needs met under special statutes of the state of Nebraska. Certainly they want programing and certainly ETV serves all the citizens of Nebraska and the commission will certainly see that the elderly are taken care of too. We do not need LB 525.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett you were next but Senator Carpenter hasn't spoken on this issue yet, do you want to yield the floor to him? Alright, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I would have but he said it's too complicated. Well Mr. President and members of the legislature, I want to support Senator Snyder in the kill motion and for one reason, on page 3, if you read Section 8, after taking into consideration the needs of the entire state to establish general policies relating to the nature and character of educational television broadcast, I think it is already covered, I think that they can do exactly what they want to do at the ETV station, I don't think Senator Snyder should worry about the Senior Citizens, because if they understand that the TV station could program that way now, and that it is up to them to do it, it is their responsibility not our, I don't think that Senator Snyder has to worry a bit about the Senior Citizens, because I'm sure they would understand it. If they could read this whole bill or see it as we do here in front of us, they notice that there is the power to do this right now, so therefore I'm, I would support Senator Snyder in this kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter are you passing then, on the motion to kill, alright. Next is Senator Chambers and then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR CHAMBER: Mr. President, and members of the legislature, I'll be very brief. For once I have to say that Senator Snyder is often wrong, but on occasion even he is right, but for a reason which in my mind is different from his, I would support his kill motion. First of all I don't see any danger in a legislative body giving some kind of guide line to an agency like ETV. Television and broadcasting devices use the airways which belong to the public. They are part of what is known as a public domain, then not the exclusive property of any television or net work station, channel or otherwise. So I think a legislative body which is supposed to be concerned with the welfare of all people has not only the responsibility but the duty and the obligation to affirmatively act to see that the airways are properly used to benefit all citizens. So the reason I'm supporting his kill motion is not because I see a danger of the legislature regulating the use of airways, that is a proper activity of the legislative body, at the Federal level it is done. As for